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VIA EMAIL

Re: U.S. Patent Application entitled: "Scalable Serializer-Deserializer Architecture  
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Dear Om

Enclosed for review is a draft of the above-identified patent application.

Please review this draft for technical accuracy and completeness of disclosure. We must completely, clearly and accurately describe the invention so as you review this application, please feel free to revise and supplement the description. If there are portions of this draft that are incorrect, please note them. Please also note any blank lines and/or questions located throughout the specification, which must be filled in or answered by you.

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